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Attorney Docket No.: 70363

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : KRÜGER et al.
Serial No. : 10/079,604
Confirm. No. : 7284
Filed : February 20, 2002
For : CLEARING MODES OF....
Art Unit : 3743
Examiner : Andrea M. Ragonese
Dated : July 12, 2005

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 (a)

Sir:

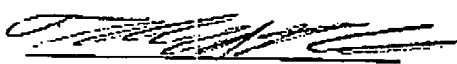
The Office Action dated March 24, 2005 provided for a shortened statutory period for response of three months.

The shortened statutory period expired June 24, 2005.

Since the attached response is being filed within the first month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) Applicant attaches a Credit Card Payment Form and respectfully requests the Examiner to charge the appropriate petition fee of \$120.00 (fee code 1251).

Respectfully submitted
for Applicant(s),

By:


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TRADEMARK OFFICE IS HEREBY REQUESTED TO CHARGE SUCH FEE TO
OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT 13-0410.